on INSAT-2B, as reported in the Hindustan Times dated the 4th March, 194; and

(c) if so, whether Doordarshan has so far taken any decision in this regard indicating the terms and conditions for the selection of programme including a decision on transponder on the India satellite for commercial purposes to CNN; the details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No. Sir.

भारतीय सूचना सेवा में ग्रुप "ए" और ग्रुप "बी" के रिक्त पद

2725. **श्रीमती सत्या बहिन**: क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उनके मंत्रालय के अधीन भारतीय सूचना सेवा में ग्रुप "ए" और ग्रुप "बी" के कितने-कितने पद हैं ;

(ख) उक्त पदों में से कितने पद रिक्त पड़े हुए हैं जिनके परिणामस्वरूप सरकारी प्रचार माध्यमों की सेवायें प्रभावित हो रही हैं ; और

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि अपेक्षित सेवा पूरी कर लेने के बाद भी अधिकारियों को विभागीय प्रोन्नति मिलने में देरी हो रही है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० पी० सिंह देव) : (क) से (ग) भारतीय सूचना सेवा में पदों तथा रिक्तियों की अद्यतन संख्या निम्न कार से है :—

	स्वीकृत पद	रिक्तियां
ग्रुप "क"	548	139
ग्रुप "ख"	842	175

प्रोन्नतियों में विलम्ब का मुख्य कारण 1987 और उससे आगे विभिन्न अदालती मामलों में केन्द्रीय प्रशासनिक अधिकरण तथा उच्चतम न्यायालय के निर्णयों के अनुपालन में सभी ग्रेडों की सेवाओं की वरिष्ठता सूचियों में सतत रूप से संशोधन किया जाना है । तथापि रिक्तियों का भरा जाना लगातार चलने वाली एक प्रक्रिया है तथा इन रिक्तियों को भरने के लिए समय-समय पर आवश्यक उपाय किए जाते हैं जिनमें यह सुनिश्चित किए जाने हेतु आंतरिक व्यवस्था किया जाना शामिल है कि कार्य का हर्जा न हो ।

Expenditure on Information and Broadcasting

2726. **SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:**
SHRI J. S. RAJU:
SHRI MISA R. GENESAN:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total expenditure incurred on Information and broadcasting for the years 1990, 1991 and 1993;

(b) what is the amount spent for programmes on education;

(c) how many new TV stations are likely to be commissioned during the year 1994;

(d) what is the present stage of these TV stations;

(e) by when these new TV stations are expected to be commissioned;

(f) the effect of metro channel on Indian TV; and

(g) what is Government's assessment on the reaction of the general public on Metro Channel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI I. SINGH DEO): (a)

Year	Rs. lakhs
1990-91	10,53,05.75
1991-92	10,88,85.72
1992-93	12,48,39.88

(b) Break up of expenditure in this manner is not maintained.

(c) to (e) 12 TV studio projects and 299 TV transmitter projects (including 286 Low Power/Very Low Power Transmitters) are at various stages of implementation at present. These are expected to be commissioned by the end of 1994-95, subject to availability of funds for the purpose requisite infrstructure facilities and manpower.

(f) and (g) The overall impact of this channel has been positive on both counts.

Power shortage in Madhya Pradesh

2727. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Madhya Pradesh is facing severe Power shortage during the current year;

(b) if so, whether the state experienced power shortage during 1992 also;

(c) to what extent the power shortage affected the industrial production;

(d) whether that power shortage is likely to continue in the State even after the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(e) whether any coal linkage has been provided for new projects to meet the shortfall, if not how the shortfall is proposed to be met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) The actual power supply position in Madhya Pradesh during 1992-93 and current year 1993-94 (April, 93—January, 94) is given below:—

(Figs in MU net)

	1992-93	1993-94 (upto Jan. 1994)
Requirement .	22439	19430
Availability . .	20675	18474
Shortage . .	1764	956
%age . . .	7.9	4.9

(c) Industrial production/performance of industry depends upon various factors such as availability of raw material, demand for the product industrial relations, management efficiency etc. power shortage is only one of the contributing factors. Power supply to various categories of consumers is within the authority of the State Govt./SEB who accord priority to various sectors.

(d) The anticipated energy shortage at the end of the 8th Plan in Madhya Pradesh is estimated to be 6.6 per cent.

(e) Coal linkage for all the coal-based thermal power projects included in the 8th Plan, has been firmed up by the Standing Linkage Committee. Various measures being taken to improve the availability of power and to reduce the shortfall in Madhya Pradesh include maximising the generation from the existing capacity, implementation of Renovation and Modernisation Programme, reducing transmission and distribution losses, effective load management and energy conservation measures and assistance from neighbouring States and Region.